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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR DESERT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

REFERENCE: USUN 1271

DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG (VIA APRIL 21 LETTER FROM UNITAR UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL, DAVIDSON NICOL):

(QUOTE) DEAR MR. NICOL:

I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR DESERT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SCHEDULED FOR SACRAMENTO, MAY 31 TO JUNE 10. UNFORTUNATELY MY SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO ATTEND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VERY WELL-ORGANIZED AND INTERESTING MEETING.

THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONFERENCE IS OF GREAT INTEREST  
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TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BECAUSE OF THE OBVIOUS RELATIONSHIP TO THE FORTHCOMING UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION FOR WHICH WE ARE ACTIVELY PREPARING. ALTHOUGH I CANNOT PARTICIPATE, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. PREPARATORY

TASK FORCE FOR THE DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE WILL BE IN SACRAMENTO IN AN ATTEMPT TO BENEFIT FROM THE DISCUSSIONS

OF DESERT PROCESSES, PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS.

I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE INVITATION, AND WISH YOU EVERY  
SUCCESS WITH YOUR CONFERENCE.

SINCERELY,

ANDREW YOUNG (UNQUOTE)  
CHRISTOPHER

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